#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

KENNY FAULK,

Civil Action No.

Plaintiff,

1:21-cv-1850-MLB

v.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

DIMERCO EXPRESS (USA) CORP.,

Defendant.

# PLAINTIFF KENNY FAULK'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S EXPEDITED MOTION TO SET BOND AND STAY EXECUTION

Plaintiff Kenny Faulk ("Plaintiff"), by and through counsel of record, hereby files this response to Defendant's *Expedited Motion to Set Bond and Stay Execution*. [DE 178].

### **Argument and Citation to Authority**

A judgment of a United States District Court becomes enforceable 30 days after the judgment is entered. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 62(a). However, under Rule 62(b), "[a]t any time after judgment is entered, a party may obtain a stay by providing a bond or other security." Fed. R. Civ. P. 62(b). "The purpose of a supersedeas bond is to preserve the status quo while protecting the non-appealing party's rights pending appeal." *Am. Grand Court Lakes, LLC v. Rockhill Ins. Co.*, 2020 U.S. Dist. LEXIS

266516, \*2 (S.D. Fla. 2020) quoting Prudential Ins. Co. of Am. v. Boyd, 781 F.2d 1494, 1498 (11th Cir. 1986).

Defendant is entitled to a stay of execution if it posts an appropriate bond. Plaintiff therefore does not oppose a stay, at such time as Defendant posts an appropriate bond. Defendant suggests that a bond in the amount of \$3,390,000 would be sufficient to preserve the status quo. [DE 178, p. 4]. Plaintiff does not agree with Defendant on this point. Plaintiff submits that, to the extent it desires a stay on execution of the judgment, "[t]he amount of the bond must be calculated to include the whole amount of the judgment, costs on the appeal, interest, and damages for delay." Matthew Focht Enters. v. Lepore, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 191450, \*8 (N.D. Ga. 2021). Plaintiff respectfully requests that, to the extent the Court sets a bond, that the bond be set at an amount sufficient to cover the whole amount of the judgment, costs on appeal, interest, and damages for delay. Compare with Matthew Foch Enters., at \*9 (Requiring bond "to cover the full amount of the judgment, costs on the appeal, including attorneys' fees, interest, and damages for delay"); Ayers v. Harrison, No. 2:10-CV-00032-RWS, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 80590, 2014 WL 2712297, at \*7 (N.D. Ga. June 13, 2014) (Requiring appellant to post supersedeas bond of \$2,900,000 to stay execution of \$2,479,256.19 judgment).

Respectfully submitted, this 27th day of November, 2023.

## **BARRETT & FARAHANY**

s/ V. Severin Roberts

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Expedited Motion to Set Bond and Stay Execution with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will automatically send email notification of such filing to all attorneys of record.

This 27th day of November, 2023.

/s/ V. Severin Roberts
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